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Docket No: 0646/1D205US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ramesh A. BHAT, Ruth HENDERSON, Chulai HSIAO,  
and Sotirios K. KARATHNASIS

Serial No.: 09/429,832

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: October 29, 1999

Examiner: N. BASI

For: **NOVEL HUMAN ESTROGEN RECEPTOR-BETA**

March 12, 2001

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2000 please consider the following remarks. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time for two months to and including March 19, 2001.